

## MILITARY ORDINANCE No. 1

(February 25, 1942)

ARTICLE 1. On and after February 24, 1942, all public bodies, banks, corporations, companies, partnerships and other institutions of like nature, shall, in case they make payment of dividend, surplus, interest and/or repayment of bond, debentures, etc., to the nationals of hostile countries, deposit the total amount therefor with the designated banks in the name of the representative of such paying institutions.

The distribution of liquidated assets of dissolved or insolvent institutions shall also be governed in the same way as provided above.

ART. 2. Provided that there is no representative available nor any representative determinable, the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines shall designate such person or persons to represent the paying institution in accordance with the petition to be made by the parties concerned.

ART. 3. A statement duly signed by the representative of paying institutions showing the full particulars of individual payees of the money to be paid or dividend shall be attached to the applications of the deposit as provided in article 1.

ART. 4. In case those who are mentioned in the statement above referred to wish to withdraw their own portion from the deposit in the name of the representative of paying institutions, they shall apply for a license to the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines authorizing them to do so, the forms and procedures being identical with that of ordinary withdrawals of bank deposit except that the signature of the representative who made the deposit shall appear on the application form jointly with the applicant's signature. Provided, however, the applicant has his own deposit account with any bank and wishes to transfer the money thereto, no prior permission shall be necessary but a report to that effect shall be filed with the Department of Military Administration of the Imperial Japanese Forces.

ART. 5. Whoever violates any of the above provisions shall be punished in accordance with the Military Laws—

In the case of corporate body: either the corporate body or its representative or person who actually violated the provisions or all of them;

In the case of individual: the offender.

### SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

ART. 1. In the above Military Ordinance, the term "the nationals of hostile countries" shall mean:

(a) Individual who has any of the following nationalities.

(b) Partnership, association, corporation or other commercial organization which has been organized under the laws of the following countries, or a substantial part of the capital of which is owned or controlled by hostile nationals or organizations as defined hereunder:

United States of America, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Exiled Polish Government, Union of South Africa, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominica, Panama, Mexico, Exiled Czech Government, Do Gaulle Government, Iran, Norway, Chungking Government.

In determining, among the above, the nationals of the exiled government of Poland, Czech, De Gaulle or Chungking Government, any one who has any of the above-mentioned nationalities and is suspected to be hostile, shall be prima facie presumed to be nationals of the hostile countries.

ART. 2. The above Military Ordinance shall be put into effect within the limit of the City of Greater Manila for the time being.

The designated banks in the City of Greater Manila are two banks as follows:

The Bank of Taiwan, Ltd.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF  
THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES

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**Military Ordinance No. 2**  
**ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ENJOYMENT**  
**OF CIVIL RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES**  
**BY JAPANESE SUBJECTS**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINES**

*March 14, 1942*

SECTION 1. Subjects of the Empire of Japan are excluded from the application of prohibitions and limitations on civil rights, benefits and privileges, which, by reason of their nationality, are denied them by laws, statutes or administrative orders and regulations of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. All such existing laws, statutes or administrative orders and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall apply to pending cases and shall take effect as of December the eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

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**Military Ordinance No. 5**  
**PROHIBITING THE CIRCULATION OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK EMERGENCY**  
**CIRCULATION NOTES**

*May 7, 1942*

Within the territories occupied by the Imperial Japanese Forces, the circulation of Philippine National Bank Emergency Circulation Notes issued by the various branches and agencies of the Philippine National Bank in the Visayan provinces is hereby absolutely prohibited.

Any person circulating or accepting the said emergency notes for any purpose whatsoever will be severely punished in accordance with the Military Law.

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**Military Ordinance No. 6  
REPEALING MILITARY ORDINANCE No. 11,  
PROHIBITING OPERATION OF ALL  
WATERCRAFT IN MANILA BAY**

*May 12, 1942*

The Military Ordinance No. 11, dated March 8, 1942, concerning prohibitions of the operation of all watercraft in Manila Bay is hereby repealed, and Proclamation No. 1, May 10, of the Imperial Japanese Navy shall be applicable henceforth to the passage of navigation of all watercraft in Manila Bay.

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**Military Ordinance No. 15**  
**ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PHILIPPINE**  
**SHIPPING ASSOCIATION**

*October 1, 1942*

SECTION I. The PHILIPPINE SHIPPING ASSOCIATION (hereafter called Association) is hereby established for the efficient operation of all interisland vessels; the reasonable and accurate allotment and distribution of necessary fuel and other materials required by certain types of vessels, all of which will account for the sound development of the Philippine interisland shipping.

SEC. II. The head office of the Association is located in Manila City. Branch and sub-branch offices will be established at necessary places throughout the Philippines under approval of the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration.

SEC. III. The functions and general business of the Association will be as follows:

- (a) The registration of all types of vessels which come under the control of the Association.
- (b) The intermediary transactions required for the handling of the applications for operation permits or certificates for all vessels under control of the Association.
- (c) Control and handling of the business concerning allotment of vessels for the various interisland routes under the direction of the Army.
- (d) The intermediary transactions required for the handling of applications for fuel or materials, and the business of allotment and accurate distribution of the said fuel and materials under the direction of the Army.
- (e) The necessary business regarding the control of freight and passenger rates under the direction of the Army.
- (f) Any and all other business necessary and required to attain the main purpose and object of the Association under approval of the Army.

SEC. IV. The owners and administrators of any type or class of watercraft of 20 gross tons and over, and of less than 20 gross tons in case of watercraft equipped with engines consuming fuel for their operation (fishing boats of the Fishing Association approved by the Army or of the members thereof as well as watercraft under operation of the Army and others which shall be granted by the Army are hereby excepted) are required to register for membership in accordance with the prescribed form of the Association.

Membership in the Association is strictly compulsory for all such owners and administrators, and the said membership will be effective on and from the date the registration is received and duly entered by the Association.

The registration for membership as provided for in the first paragraph of this section will be allowed at the provincial governments or chartered cities where owners or administrators are residing

SEC. V. Any member of the Association or any person or concern who acquires, purchases or becomes the administrator of one or more vessels or any type or class as described in Section IV, must register in the same manner as provided for in same Section IV, within one month after the date of acquirement, purchase or administratorship of such vessels.

SEC. VI. The owners and administrators of vessels in the Philippines other than those referred to in Section IV, above, and all other persons who are concerned with the shipping business in the Philippines will be also allowed to become members of the Association. The terms and conditions provided for under Section IV apply in such cases.

SEC. VII. The officers of the Association are as follows:

One Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Several Directors, and Several Inspectors (Auditors).

In case it should be necessary, several Councilors (Advisers) will be also appointed.

All these officers of the Association will be appointed and/or dismissed by the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration. All Managers of the branch or sub-branch offices will be also appointed and/or dismissed in the same manner as the officers.

SEC. VIII. The Director General of the Japanese Military Administration has full control of the Association.

SEC. IX. The Articles governing the Association, its annual budget of income and expenditures, settlement of accounts and all other administrative and operative important matters will be subject to the approval of the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration.

Sec. X. The Association is authorized to ask its members to bear all expenses of the Association in accordance with the regulations set forth by its Articles.

SEC. XI. The Association is authorized to collect from its members all charges required for the use of accommodations and facilities rendered by the Association or a commission for whatever service rendered to them by the Association in connection with its functions and business.

SEC. XII. When deemed necessary, the Association may request its members to invest the required funds in order to carry on its functions, purposes with the approval of the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration.

SEC. XIII. Any transfer of rights of ownership or administratorship of all types and classes of watercraft of the members as provided for in Section IV hereof shall be subject to the approval of the Association in accordance with its Articles.

SEC. XIV. The Association is authorized to enforce the necessary regulations concerning fines, penalties and punishment to the members violating the rules, regulations and/or Articles governing the Association and its members.

SEC. XV. Any member who violates the regulations set forth in Sections IV and V hereof without any justified reason will be fined ₱1,000 or less.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

SEC. XVI. The effective date of the Military Ordinance shall be as from October 1, 1942.

SEC. XVII. The Director General of the Japanese Military Administration will appoint "Committees" for the proper establishment of the Association and instruct these "Committees" to arrange the necessary business for establishing the same.

SEC. XVIII. The "Committees" for the establishment of the Association will, upon having completed the drawing up of the Articles and other necessary business, apply to the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration for the approval of the Association. This application shall be accompanied by the Articles so drawn up by the "Committees."

The Association shall be established and made effective as from the date of its approval.

SEC. XIX.—Upon approval of the establishment of the Association, the "Committees" will transfer the business to the Chairman of the Association.

SEC. XX.—Any person or concern that owns or administers whatever type or class of watercraft as provided for in Section IV hereof at the time when this Military Ordinance takes effect, shall report and register at the Association on or before the following dates, unless otherwise directed.

(1) For persons and concerns residing in Luzon Island—up to and including November 15, 1942.

(2) For persons and concerns residing in places other than Luzon Island—up to and including December 31, 1942.

SEC. XXI.—If the date for registration provided for under Section V hereof is prior to the dates set forth in the preceding Section XX the latter dates will govern.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
JAPANESE MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

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